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11. (U) Ambassador Eastham delivered reftel talking points to Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Henri Mumba on May 21. Mumba thanked the Ambassador for bringing up the subject, and expressed his view that the "situation (in Sudan) is very frustrating and cannot continue." Mumba, however, could not commit the GOM to a specific position on the command and control of the UN/AU hybrid force before consulting with his colleagues at the Ministry of Defense. He said he would speak with the Minister of Defense and then follow up with the Ambassador. Any further information will be delivered septel.

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